

REMARKS

The Examiner Claims 1-22 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrew et al. (4136879).

Applicant respectfully traverses the § 103 rejection with the following arguments.

35 U.S.C. 103(a)

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The Examiner alleges that Andrew teaches a game board (Fig.1), a plurality of markers (Fig.4), a plurality of spaces (A1-A7 etc), start space (11), a plurality of cards (Fig.7-12), random number generator (Fig.3), and badges (Fig.5). The Examiner alleges the the only difference between applicant's game and the applied reference resides in meaning and information conveyed by the printed matter and not considered patentable EX. Parte Breslow 192 USPQ 431. The Examiner also argues that it would have been obvious to change the information on spaces/cards to match the theme of the game.

In response to the obviousness rejections, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, and 14. Applicant argues respectfully that Andrew does not teach or suggest a board game as claimed which, inter alia, comprises a game board having an outer circle, an inner circle, and a center

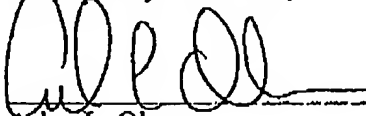
region, wherein the outer and inner circle include spaces for movement of player markers, and wherein the center region includes a map and district spaces that are separate from the plurality of spaces and correlate to locations on said map. In addition, Andrew does not teach using district markers which are separate from the player markers.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the entire application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner believes that a personal or telephone interview would be advantageous to resolve the issues presented, he is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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